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Dr. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN: May I know whether other things being equal, as far as possible, this taluk-wise consideration will be kept in view ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: That is the idea. "Region-wise" would include the region concerned. I do not think we can lay down any rule that every taluk should have it.

Dr. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN: May I know how many higher secondary schools are proposed to be brought into existence during the next Five-Year Plan period ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: We are now in the Draft Plan stage. We have proposed that 200 schools may be upgraded.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: May I know whether the Government propose appointing a committee to select these schools ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: Not yet. Perhaps we can do it some time later when it is necessary.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Do Government envisage a date by which the schools should be upgraded ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: That is the programme and that is the recommendation of the Secondary Education Commission.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Is there any future time-limit by which they should be converted into higher secondary schools ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: During the Third Plan period we have provided for 200 schools. I do not think we can visualise the Fourth Plan period and say how many will be upgraded during that period.

Madras Beedi Industrial Premises (Regulation of Conditions of Work) Act, 1958

* 82 *Q.*—Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Beedi Industrial Premises (Regulation of Conditions of Work) Act, 1958 has come into force, if so, the date of enforcement; and

(*b*) the places in which the Act has come into force ?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. 1st July 1959 was notified as the date for coming into force of all the provisions of the Madras Beedi Industrial Premises (Regulation of Conditions of Work) Act, 1958 except sections 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 and 1st January 1960 for sections 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16. It was also notified that from 1st July 1960, no premises shall be used as a beedi industrial premises in the districts of Madras, Chingleput and North Arcot without a licence obtained under section 3 of the Act. Subsequently, this notification has been extended to other districts also. However, it is not proposed to enforce some of the provisions of the Act till such time as similar legislation is introduced in the neighbouring States of Kerala, Mysore and Andhra Pradesh.

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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: May I take it, Sir, that the proprietors of the factories are prepared to co-operate and see that the Act is brought into force and worked?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Yes, Sir. I am very happy to say that the proprietors have offered their co-operation to bring the Act into force progressively and step by step.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: May I know whether the Government are corresponding with the neighbouring States of Kerala, Andhra and Karnataka to see that a corresponding legislation is passed there also so that there may be unanimity in this matter?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, already we have held two conferences of the State Ministers of Labour of Andhra, Kerala, Mysore and Madras. The matter is still under correspondence.

Medical leave for teachers

* 83 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the period of medical leave for which a teacher in an aided secondary school is eligible in respect of his whole service;

(*b*) whether the salary and dearness allowance paid to the teachers for the medical leave are taken into account for the purposes of grant; and

(*c*) whether the enforcement of these rules is verified by the department periodically?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) This will be regulated in accordance with the terms of the agreement entered into by teachers with the managements.

(*b*) The actual leave allowance paid or half the substantive pay of the teacher at the time of his proceeding on leave, whichever is less, will be taken into account for assessment of grant. The full dearness allowance admissible to Government servants will also be admitted. If it is not actually paid, the entire claim therefor will be disallowed.

(*c*) Yes.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: May I take it that the rule that a teacher is eligible for one full year of medical leave for the whole of his service is not in force now?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not have the information, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: In view of the fact that the teachers are undergoing great hardship for want of uniform leave rules and in view of the fact that the leave account is also taken into consideration for the grant of pensions, will the Government see that uniform leave rules are enforced on the managements?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I thought that even the teachers would welcome some variety instead of getting into a rigid pattern.